

In the Specification:

Please replace the continuation data paragraph on page 1, lines 9-10, following the heading "**CROSS REFERENCE TO OTHER APPLICATIONS**" with the following paragraph:

This application claims the benefit of DE 19828114.5, filed June 24, 1998, under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d); and PCT/EP99/04381, filed June 24, 1999, under 35 U.S.C. §120.